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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of **Theo W. Warmerdam, et al.**)
Examiner: D. Brunsman
Serial No.: **08/456,123**) Group Art Unit: 1108
Filed: **31 May 1995**)
For: **STARCH-BASED ADHESIVE**) Date: September 21, 1995

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 24, 1995,
please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the Claims:

16. (Amended) In a cigarette characterized by a rod of an amount of tobacco wrapped in a paper tube, the paper tube being glued along a longitudinal edge with an adhesive, the improvement comprising the use as the additive of an adhesive composition devoid of alkali and [that includes] comprising a dispersible unmodified starch that heat thickens on heating to a temperature greater than about 50°C.

Remarks

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 24, 1995. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the courtesies extended to its representative, Melissa B. Pendleton, during the personal interview with the Examiner September 13, 1995. The substance of the interview is set forth in the remarks below as required by the rules of practice.

Claims 16-21 are currently pending in the present application. Claims 16-21 are rejected under 35 USC Section

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